

South Delta Improvements Program

8500 cfs development process

History

- January 2002 – 8500 Stakeholder Group
- 4 proposed alternatives
 - Fishery
 - Revised Fishery
 - Exporter
 - Bay Institute
- Completed process in October 2002 without consensus

CVP Involvement

- USBR participated in 8500 Stakeholder process but did not submit an alternative
- CVP Alternative still to be developed
- Two approaches analyzed to date for CVP Alternative:
 - Aggressive Allocation
 - Dedicated Capacity
- No final recommendation made to date

EIR/EIS 8500 Alternatives

- No preferred alternative chosen yet
- Current approach is to examine “Range” of alternatives for Draft EIR/EIS
- Range likely to include:
 - Bay Institute
 - Revised Fishery
 - Exporter
 - A CVP alternative

EIR/EIS 8500 Alternatives Cont.

- Current approach assumes preferred alternative not identified until Final EIR/EIS
- SWC very concerned about including a CVP alternative that assumes any “dedicated” capacity for CVP
- More discussion on this still needed

Current SDIP Schedule

- Draft EIR/EIS September 2003
 - Range, No preferred alternative
- Draft ASIP September 2003
- Science Workshop October 2003
- Select Preferred Alt. December 2003
- Final EIR/EIS May 2004
- ROD June 2004

- Current schedule is likely to slip further until a decision is made on a CVP alternative and if it should be analyzed in the Draft EIR/EIS

CALFED Key Milestones

- Other discussions taking place among CALFED management, Federal/State agencies, and stakeholders on best approach for integrating upcoming programs.
 - SDIP
 - Environmental Water Account Renewal
 - OCAP
 - SWP/CVP Intertie
 - North to South Water Transfers

CALFED Key Milestones

- Possible that CALFED may negotiate a “package deal” to implement upcoming projects by December 2003